

News Release

\$25,000 Endowed Scholarship Established by Walter, '57, and Elinor Fehr Supports Agronomy Students

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (January 3, 2008) – A recent gift of more than \$25,000 has been established to endow a scholarship to benefit students in agronomy at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The Walter and Elinor Fehr Scholarship in Agronomic Science was established by Professor Walter and Elinor Fehr of Ames, Iowa. Walter Fehr, Ph.D., graduated in 1957 from the Northwest School of Agriculture, the residential high school located on the Crookston campus from 1906-68, and currently teaches at Iowa State University where he is also involved in soybean research.

The gift is designed to support a student majoring in agronomy with an emphasis in the agronomic sciences. The annual award will be given to a junior or senior who demonstrates strong academic competence required of a potential graduate student, a student who has the ambition and interest in attending graduate school. "We chose to support the U of M, Crookston with this gift due to the professional manner in which other family gifts have been administered and to support students in this area of study," Walter Fehr said.

Ron Del Vecchio, Ph.D., head of the Crookston campus Agriculture Department is pleased with the news. "It is inspiring to be a part of such generosity, and the experience of sharing this opportunity with our students is truly a pleasure. Our deepest thanks go out to the Fehr family for their support of higher education at the Crookston campus and the investment they have made in helping the future leaders of agriculture succeed in attaining their goals."

Scholarships leave a lasting legacy to students. Corby Kemmer, director of Development & Alumni Relations appreciates the gift. "Our thank you to the Fehr family for this most generous gift that will enhance learning opportunities for highly determined and focused student scholars at the University of Minnesota Crookston."

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